

Boston Wednesday Jan 19<sup>th</sup>

Dear Debora.

Now to tell you all the News. News  
however there is none. So you will please to pay attention  
I "hear our nothings Monstrous". I will first remark upon  
your name. Deborah! pooh! there is no such name.  
Purley's community say Ora in speaking to the  
one of their number who  $\frac{3}{4}$  suffers under the name  
of the old Trinitarian Judge.

Elder Knapp is converting the world here. Anne  
heard him one afternoon & he was mild as milk & as  
may flat as Lancaster water or Mr Perkins. But in  
the evening it is a different thing. Then he calls  
to them to "look at the huge serpent or swell  
up - turn black under the nails & die!" Then  
he says "Unitarians can no more go to heaven than  
a snail can shine up a camp post with  
a 60 pound weight tied to his tail." Then he cries out  
against dancing & sinful amusements in this style.  
"My brethren & fellow sinners! did you ever hear  
of a baptist that was not opposed to dancing?"  
don't they all detect it & preach against it & do all  
in their power to put a stop to it? well they may!  
There's a good reason why they should. The first baptist  
had his head danced off!" I hear that he has preached  
against slavery - says it's the crying sin of the  
nation - that the Boston Ministers dare not  
preach against it - that di' of divinity are  
very guilty in the matter & will probably learn  
too late that Satan understands more about divinity  
than they do and is indeed a far more accomplished  
Theologian. I hear there were stones thrown



at his chapel last night. Thus Allen Dodge  
told me, who called to see Anne last night, but  
she being out of town, he discomposed his self to  
me. He had a son last week which he told me his wife  
presented him with. He was anxious to know what would  
satisfy the abolitionists as to the matter of Rail Roads.  
He wanted to do right but feared that it would not do to do  
it. What could the Legislature do if the people were  
not ready? Sure enough I told him. But I added  
that the people were ready & wouldn't like it not  
to have a clear statement made that the  
Legislature, in granting the rail road incorporation  
acts did not grant a skin fencers license at the  
same time. He had a great deal of talk, & I think  
he will do right. He was a thought anxious about  
the Bible convention, but I told him there was  
in human nature such a tendency to ascertain  
our opinion, & in human affairs such a tendency  
to inconstancy - over the surface to the detriment  
of life below, that unless a few breaching holes were  
kept open along the march of ages, suffocation  
would be the consequence. Which I could perceive  
that he thought was an admirable observation  
whether he was convinced by it or no. He is very  
much afraid of being thought illiberal, & finds great  
fault with Knapp's sneers at the Unitarians. I have  
my new gown. Silas Stupid with white - Jellies - made -  
3/4 for gd. trimmed in medium folds, & apron fashion in  
front. Two folds. light sleeves with a shoulder sleeve which  
takes off the stiffness of a plain sleeve. Long may I  
live to enjoy it. He had a good meeting of the Boston  
Female. Letters read & answers to - Resolutions & Supplies  
"voted." votes to supply the the Port Plate Society with



their contribution in French English & Spanish at a cost  
of \$15.00. which I have got done & ready to send  
to Haiti by Capt Luffkin who has just arrived. Shall  
send also some medals of Am. Soc. to various friends  
there for Kate Thompson, which sailed last week I sent  
a bag to Madame Chary - another to Alexandrine Carnat  
ho & a pair of slippers to Mary. Luffkin says the weather  
at the Cape is bracing itself. I wish Henry would go  
out for two months only. He is certainly better than  
last year at this time in some important particulars.  
he has no headache nor feeling of weakness, nor pains  
about the shoulder. But his cough has changed its  
character. from being a little worrying catch, it has  
become a straight forward cough, with raising of yellow  
phlegm which he has had ever since last October.  
He got onto this insurance office which makes a  
part of the which will keep him at home I think &  
then Henry Seelmaker has gone which makes another.  
Remond was here yesterday. I think well of his prudence  
& tact, & know he is sincere. He says he finds Maine in  
a very suspicious state, & thinks Bangor had better  
be let alone till more decisive evidence about it turns  
up. I wrote to H. B. Bordin yesterday, begging him to  
do all in his power for Gorey's comfort & safety, saying  
that from my knowledge of abs. they would be all the  
more desirous to have every thing done for him because  
he was their enemy, & saying that it did not matter to  
them & ought not to the country at large, in whose favor  
the rights of citizenship were outraged. Bordin had said  
when he sent me the 10 dollars, that he doubted the honesty  
of the people who were getting up new measures (a 3<sup>d</sup>  
party) in which I told him I entirely agreed  
with him & then said apropos to this is the name



J. O. J. Torrey & Co. We have been to look at a  
house at South end - old-fashioned, large, wooden, <sup>and</sup> <sup>supposed</sup> <sup>to be</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>best</sup>  
supposed cold from want of repairs. I said, "What! all  
this for \$300 a year!" to which Caroline replied "yes  
I behave too, in a short time, without doubt." So we  
gave up the idea.

Miss Deborah Weston  
New Bedford

Mrs Chapman has one of the twins but is better. Little  
Anne & Emma are here. Ma Weston perfectly well.  
The pork is much shaken in the saddle by shear. I have  
red the \$10 for bell-junk. The Wesley was sent you  
on Saturday. I have got newspapers from Haiti by the arrival.  
Mr Adams's lectures were excellent & he is to deliver them  
at Lynn. They are reading the Lib Bell aloud at Perry Mainwaring  
"of menings!" Yours &c M.W.L.